

FROM MIDDLESBRO TO RIVET SPORTS!

JUST six weeks after playing in front of a crowd of 30,000 at Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, Wycombe Wanderers will go to the other end of the scale tomorrow (Saturday) when they take on Rivet Sports, an Aylesbury works team, in the semi-final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup.

The match, which is being played at Aylesbury F.C.'s ground and kicks off at the early time of 2.30 p.m., is unlikely to attract much more than 1,000 spectators and this time Wycombe will be the "giants".

Whether they will be "killed" by the rank outsiders tomorrow is highly unlikely. But Wanderers would do well to take the game seriously, for Rivets have come up with some shock results in the County Cup this season — their first in the senior competition.

After winning the Intermediate Cup last term, they have accounted for Wolverton 2-1, Newbury 1-0, Burnham 1-0, Maidenhead 3-2, and Abingdon 1-0. The most surprising result was the 3-2 victory over Maidenhead, a Rothmans Isthmian League division two club.

That run of success has given the works team all the confidence they need and they are far from over-awed by the prospect of tomorrow's match.

CROWD-PULLERS

Their secretary, Mr. F. Stanton, said this week: "We were

hoping Wycombe would beat Slough on Saturday as they are the greater crowd-pullers. We wanted to originally play the match at Rivets but the Berks and Bucks advised us to stage the game at Aylesbury. It never entered our heads to play at Wycombe.

"We fancy our chances on Saturday. If the pitch is wet and sticky it could bring Wycombe down to our level. These cup matches are what the game is all about and after all, it's only 11 men against 11 men."

Half of the team work for the Bifurcated Tubular Rivet Com-

pany which makes 80 to 100 million rivets a week — the largest rivet manufacturing company in the world. They have several experienced players to call on, like goalkeeper Chris Edworthy, who has been a Rivets player for 10 years. Skipper Dick Peel and leading scorer John Goodair are also talented players.

Whether the outsiders can match the superior skills of Wanderers is unlikely, however. Much will depend on the attitude of the Wycombe players themselves and how they react to coming down to this level

after their marvellous performances in the F.A. Cup this season. If they treat the game as seriously as any league match, the works team should present precious few problems, no matter how great their enthusiasm and work rate.

Wanderers should be able to field a more balanced side than at Hitchin on Tuesday in the league, as centre-back Keith Mead will be available. Terry Reardon, who had an excellent game at Topfield in a defensive role, can now drop back to his usual mid-field spot with either Dave Alexander or Howard Kennedy standing down.

Paul Griffiths may keep his place at right-back if Gary Hand's knee injury, which necessitated six stitches after the Slough game last week, has not healed.

Dave Bullock, Wycombe's utility defender, who was injured in a car accident on Monday evening, was scheduled to leave Wycombe General Hospital this week, but it will obviously be some time before he plays again.

NOTE TO SUPPORTERS

The main entrance to Aylesbury F.C.'s ground on the Wendover Road is no longer open. Spectators are advised to turn right into the Bedgrove Estate, then take the left turn into Turnfurlong Lane. United's ground is on left-hand side.

Supporters Club coaches will be leaving Lily's Walk at the earlier time of 1 o'clock, instead of 1.30 p.m.

How they stand

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pen
Enfield	23	20	1	2	49	13	61	10
Dulwich	28	17	4	7	48	24	55	40
Wycombe	24	15	6	3	42	22	51	10
Dag'ham	21	15	3	3	50	22	48	20
L'head	25	14	5	6	56	32	47	40
Sutton	23	14	4	5	50	25	46	50
Tooting	27	13	3	11	49	38	42	20
Kings	24	12	5	7	32	30	41	74
Slough	28	12	1	15	33	43	37	30
Hendon	25	10	6	10	40	34	35	40
W'stow	26	10	5	11	36	42	35	20
Barking	27	9	6	12	40	38	33	80
Bishop's	28	9	6	13	46	51	33	44
Clapton	21	10	2	9	30	29	32	10
Oxford	26	9	4	13	37	55	32	180
L'stone	25	7	4	15	28	32	26	70
Hayes	27	6	7	14	34	47	25	130
Woking	26	8	6	14	28	47	24	40
Hitchin	20	7	2	11	29	39	23	20
Walton	27	5	3	19	25	71	18	50
Bromley	27	5	1	21	18	60	16	64

ROTHMANS HELLENIC LEAGUE

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pen
Moreton	23	16	4	3	56	17	52	30
Thatcham	18	13	3	2	30	9	42	60
Newbury	21	12	2	7	40	32	38	90
Bicester	20	12	1	7	49	37	34	50
C'cester	22	10	4	8	39	37	34	50
Pine'st	20	10	2	8	22	29	32	11
Cian'd	18	9	4	5	35	24	31	00
Burnham	18	8	5	5	26	23	29	70
Wal'ford	22	7	7	8	27	29	28	30
Oxford	24	7	6	11	38	48	27	60
Ch Nort	19	7	4	8	31	26	25	30
Tname	20	7	3	10	26	35	24	21
A'don	24	5	6	13	23	39	21	30
Didcot	19	5	5	9	29	37	20	60
Wantage	20	5	4	11	19	31	19	71
H'ford	21	5	1	15	28	46	16	30
Rivets	19	4	3	12	22	46	15	51